

Rev. and Dear Sir:

THE Bible Society of Rowan County solicit the prompt attention of yourself and the Congregations under your supervision to the following:

On the evening of the 23d June, 1861, all the denominations in Salisbury met in the Methodist church in that place, and organized a Bible Society for Rowan County. The meeting was harmonious and highly encouraging. The leading purpose is to devise ways and means for printing the Holy Scriptures for our soldiers and others who may need them. The ruthless invaders of our Country, not content with the countless other grievances which they have committed against us, have declared the authority of war above the authority of God by pronouncing the Bible CONTRABAND OF WAR. Now we ALL MUST have the Bible. Our soldiers should carry it to the camp and the field as the true talisman of power and safety. Ten thousand voices blend in thrilling clamorings for its immediate publication by Southern presses. We intend and expect by God's favor to succeed. We ask your earnest co-operation. The pastor of each congregation in the County is by the Constitution appointed one of the Board of Managers, and each CONGREGATION is entitled to one representative in that Board, to be chosen from their number by themselves.

We have raised a large amount, and hope that you will collect all that you can in your churches in the County. Forward what you collect to Mr. D. A. Davis, Treasurer. For any other information address the pastor of any church in Salisbury, or Jas. H. Enniss, President Ec. Committee.

This is pre-cavincently the cause of God: let us be prompt and faithful.

S. H. WILEY,
A. W. MANGUM,

Committee.

Salisbury, N. C.,
June 25. 1861.

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